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THE HEATHS OF NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY, VIRGINIA

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Thomas Heath appears twice in the records of Northumberland County, Virginia. On January 20, 1687, he sued John Flowers and in February, 1687, Richard Hull brought suit against Thomas Heath. Thomas Heath's widow, Mary (who was probably not his first wife) married Captain William Lee and after Captain Lee's death married Bartholomew Schreever.* A court record of September 16, 1696, designates her as Mary Schreever, formerly Heath, executrix of Captain William Lee.

1. Thomas Heath,[1] of Northumberland County, who died before 1690, had issue (so it would seem from the Northumberland County Order and Will Books):

2. *William,*[2] 3. *Samuel,*[2] 4. *Thomas,*[2] 5. *Peter,*[2] 6. *Elizabeth,*[2] and possibly 7. a daughter who married John Curtis. On January 20, 1709, Colonel Richard Lee moved the Court that the Sheriff summon Mary Schreever, Samuel Heath, Thomas Heath, John Burne and John Curtis to appear and answer certain questions in Lee's behalf.

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* Bartholomew Schreever[2] was son of Bartholomew Schreever,[1] one of the early settlers in Northumberland County. Mary Dennis (daughter of Pascal and Barbara Dennis) was either the mother or first wife of Bartholomew Schreever.[2] The will of Dennis Schreever was presented May 15, 1717, by Thomas Waddy, executor. He was probably the son of Bartholomew Schreever,[1] the immigrant. The will of Bartholomew Schreever[2] was proved March 15, 1721. He names wife Mary, his son Bartholomew Schreever,[3] and directs that mourning rings should be presented to Mr. Richard Lee, Mr. Charles Lee and wife, Mr. Samuel Heath and wife, Mr. Thomas Heath and wife, Mr. Thomas Waddy and wife, and his sister Bowley (probably wife of Simon Bowley).

Bartholomew Schreever[3] (Bartholomew[2], Bartholomew[1]) married Sarah Hull, and his will dated December 14, 1727, proved April, 1728, appointed his brother Samuel Heath, his sole executor. He left one child, Elizabeth Schreever, who died unmarried.

2. William Heath[2] (Thomas[1]) was appointed constable for the Upper Parts of Wicomicoa Parish May 18, 1717. He married probably Ann Ball, daughter of Captain George Ball. On May 20, 1719, Ann Heath, relict of William Heath made oath that the said William Heath made no will and she was admitted administrator of his estate. Issue:

8. Samuel Heath.[2] On May 21, 1729, Samuel, son of William Heath was apprenticed to Ralph Rutherford.

3. Samuel Heath[2] (Thomas[1]) was sub-sheriff in Northumberland in 1712 and Justice of the Peace for several years. He married Ann, daughter of James and Elizabeth Johnson (WILLIAM AND MARY QUARTERLY). The will of Samuel Heath was proved March 18, 1730, but the will book in which it was recorded is missing. His executors were Captain William Eustace and Colonel Thomas Lee.

Samuel Heath had four daughters:

9. Elizabeth Heath,[3] she married *first,* about 1737, Charles Jones (son of Captain William and Leanna (Lee) Jones); *secondly,* Henry Miller. Charles and Elizabeth (Heath) Jones had a daughter, Ann Jones who married Walter Jameson.* On June 13, 1737, Mary and Ann Heath

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* October 10, 1757 Walter Jameson and Ann his wife made a deed. Leanna Lee in her will proved August 10, 1761, left a legacy to Samuel Heath Jameson who was her grandnephew. The following interesting record will make this relationship clear. November 1, 1785, Dr. Samuel Heath Jameson of North Carolina conveyed to Thomas Gaskins of Wicomico Parish, 150 acres at the head of the Dividing Creek adjoining land of Mr. George Dameron and Wm. Garlington. There follows a detailed description of the land the substance of which is as follows: A patent for 950 acres first granted to Capt. John Haynie on January 30, 1650. It was deserted by Haynie and again patented by Richard Linny, March 22, 1666, and sold by him to Thomas Brewer Jan. 24, 1667, and sold by Brewer to John Nickless Dec. 10, 1671 and descended to his grandson John Nickless and by him sold to Samuel Heath Nov. 2, 1720, and descended to his (Heath's) daughter Elizabeth (either by devise or right of inheritance) which said daughter first intermarried with (Charles) Jones and after his death she married Henry Miller who by her will bearing date March 10, 1758 bequeathed afore said 150 acres to her grandson Samuel Heath Jameson, first party to this indenture.

chose Charles Jones as guardian and he was appointed guardian of Judith Heath; these children were all orphans of Samuel Heath.

10. Mary Heath[3] married *first,* March 12, 1739, Thomas (son of John) Pope; *secondly,* William Tebbs. Mary Heath chose Charles Jones as her guardian in June, 1737, Judith (daughter of Samuel) Heath chose Thomas Pope as her guardian. July 9, 1739, Thomas Pope and George Conway sue for a division of Samuel Heath's estate. On June 14, 1743, Mary Pope made a deed to George Oldham for ¼ part of a water mill left her by her father Samuel Heath, which formerly belonged to Bartholmew Schreever. In 1748/9, William Tebbs and Mary, his wife, daughter of Samuel Heath, gave a deed to land granted to orphans of John Dennis which was patented September, 1699.

11. Ann Heath,[3] born May 9, 1721, married *first,* George Conway; *second,* December 30, 1754, Travers Downman. (Hayden, *Virginia Genealogies.*) David Ball (son of Captain George Ball) calls Ann Heath Conway his "cousin."

12. Judith Heath[3] married John Sorrell.†

4. Thomas Heath[2] (Thomas[1]) of Northumberland County, married Winifred, daughter of Mr. Robert Jones,[2] an early Sheriff and Justice of Northumberland who was the son of Mr. Robert Jones[1] and Martha, his wife. Robert Jones[2] married Sarah, daughter of Mr. Christopher Garlington who mentions her in his will made December 21, 1709. The will of Thomas Heath dated June 6, 1727 was proved July 1729 and he names his wife Winifred and children William, John, Betty and Mary. Mrs. Winifred (Jones) Heath married *secondly,* after 1735, George Oldham. She probably died in 1754 as on May 13 of that year

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† On April 8, 1745, there was an indented award between Henry Miller William Tebbs, George Conway and John Sorrell concerning the estate of Samuel Heath. See also WILLIAM AND MARY QUARTERLY.

Roger Winter and John Heath petitioned for their parts of estate in the hands of George Oldham.

Thomas and Winifred (Jones) Heath had issue:

13. Mary Heath[3] married William Miller.

14. William Heath[3] was accorded his estate in 1739. He married Elinor ——— and in December 1757 they made a deed to John Heath.

15. *John Heath.*[3]

16. Betty Heath[3] married Roger Winter.

5. Peter Heath[2] (Thomas[1]) married Hannah, daughter of Edward Smith and had issue:

17. George Heath.[3] On July 13, 1748 George Heath orphan of Peter Heath, 14 years old was bound to Thomas Bearcroft until he was 21 years old.

6. Elizabeth Heath[2] (Thomas[1]) married *first,* Thomas Brewer; *second,* Thomas Ball; and *third,* John Burne. John Burne's will was probated February 18, 1719, and mentions sons James, John, and Thomas, daughter Margaret and daughter-in-law (step-daughter) Elizabeth. Mrs. Elizabeth Burne's will was probated February 20, 1723 by Samuel Heath, and names her daughter Elizabeth Bashford (wife of John Bashford), daughter Margaret and sons John and Thomas; executors, John Steptoe and Samuel Heath.

Elizabeth Heath[2] had issue by her *first* husband, Thomas Brewer, a daughter:

18. Elizabeth[3] who married John Bashford son of Symon and Grace Bashford.* John Bashford's will was

* March 17, 1726, Capt. George Ball and Samuel Heath presented the affidavits of Mrs. Dameron, Thomas Dameron, Mrs. Dorothy Mahen, and Samuel Mahen. These affidavits were for the purpose of establishing the fact that John Bashford was the son of Symon Bashford and his wife Grace, as he had fallen heir to an estate in England. This marriage had been celebrated at the home of Mr. George Dameron, according to the testimony of Thomas Dameron, son to George, and Mrs. Dorothy Mahen, aunt to Thomas Dameron.

probated May 1735, by Thomas Edwards, Gent., but the will book in which it was recorded is missing.†

Elizabeth (Heath[2]) Brewer had issue by her *third* husband John Burne:

19. James[3] Burne; 20. John[3] Burne, who died unmarried; 21 Thomas[3] Burne who married Grace, daughter of Captain George and Grace (Haynie) Ball. The will of Thomas Burne was proved November 17, 1740 and he names wife Grace, son John and cousins (nephews, sons of his sister Margaret) Samuel, John, Morris and William Garlington; and cousins (nieces, daughters of his half sister, Elizabeth (nee Brewer) Bashford) Elizabeth and Judith Bashford and brother in law George Ball Junr.; 22. Margaret[3] Burne married Samuel Garlington. May 20, 1724, Mr. Samuel Heath, executor of Elizabeth Burne to deliver to Samuel Garlington and Mary (evidently Margaret) his wife, one of the daughters of John and Elizabeth Burne, deceased, the said Mary's filial part of her deceased parents estate. Samuel and Margaret (Heath) Garlington had issue (according to the will of Thomas Burne, proved in 1740): (a) Samuel Garlington; (b) John Garlington; (c) Morris Garlington; (d) William Garlington.

15. John Heath[3] (Thomas,[2] Thomas[1]). August 13, 1753, John Heath and Joseph Pope were sworn lieutenants of the Troop and Foot; July 8, 1754, John Heath was captain of Foot in Wicomico Parish; February 12, 1759, he was a vestryman in Wicomico Parish; October 14, 1776, John Heath, Gentleman, was appointed captain of the Minute Company whereof William Lee was formerly captain and at the time of his death, in 1783, he

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† John and Elizabeth (Brewer) Bashford had issue: (1) Elizabeth Bashford; (2) Judith Bashford, according to the will of Thomas Burne, proved Nov. 17, 1740.

was a Justice of the Peace. Captain Heath engaged in merchandizing in Northumberland County on an extensive scale.*

Captain John Heath[3] married *first,* his cousin, Mary Waddy, daughter of Thomas Waddy; *secondly,* Judith ———; *third,* Chloe ———.

On January 12, 1756, John Heath to be possessed with his wife's personal estate in the hands of James Mott who intermarried with Jane Waddy, executor of Benjamin Waddy. Benjamin Waddy was the son and one of the executors of Thomas Waddy, a legatee of Bartholomew Schreever.[2] November 8, 1762 John Heath and Mary his wife made a deed to Travers Downman. July 9, 1775, there was a deed made by Joseph Ball and John Heath and Judith, his wife to Henry Hurst.

The will of Captain John Heath, dated September, 1782, was probated December 8, 1783, and in it he mentions his wife Chloe,

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* There was some relationship between Capt. Heath and George Dameron that the writer of these notes has not been able to determine. The mother of George Dameron was the widow of Capt. Heath's uncle (4) William Heath who died about 1719.

It will be remembered that Ann, relict of William Heath, was granted administration on her husband's estate in 1719. She married about 1729 Thomas Dameron and their son, George Dameron, was sued by John Heath on July 10, 1764. For several years after George Dameron seems to have been the financial backer of John Heath.

In 1768, March 14, Thomas Newton and Son brought suit against John Heath, George Dameron admitted special bail.

1769, May 8, John Bland Mcht. vs. John Heath, George Dameron special bail.

1773, June 14, George Dameron and John Heath on a bond for Richard Pope. (Richard Pope was step brother to George Dameron.)

1774, March 14, Thomas Gaskins and Kendall Lee vs. George Dameron, John Lawson, Thomas Waddy and John Heath.

1778, July 13, Nicholas Floods, executors vs. John Heath, George Dameron, Thomas Waddy and John Hughlett.

1770, Aug. 13, James Gregorie vs. John Heath and Travers Downman. George Dameron special bail for defendants.

1771, June 10. Bacon and Co. vs. John Heath and Travers Downman. George Dameron special bail for sd. Heath.

The writer has not been able to determine the relationship that evidently existed between John Heath and George Dameron.

daughter Ann Heath, and sons John and Robert (Jones) Heath and his cousin Winifred Heath.

The children of Captain John Heath[3] were:

23. Ann Heath[4] who married William Kirk. February 14, 1785, it is recorded that William Kirk who intermarried with Ann, daughter of John Heath, Gent., decd., was to be possessed with his wife's estate in the hands of John Heath and Robert Jones Heath. 24. John Heath[4] was appointed Commonwealth's Attorney for Northumberland December 10, 1781. There are several deeds which show that John Heath was afterwards a resident of Richmond City, Virginia.* He was member of the Executive Council of Virginia, and married Sarah Ewell (see Hayden, *Virginia Genealogies,* p. 340)† 25. Robert Jones Heath[4] lived in Wicomicoa Parish, Lancaster County, and on April 11, 1791, he gave a deed to David Ball, Junior, of Wicomico Parish, Northumberland County, for a hundred acres of land called Garlingtons Tract.

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* These next items have some historical interest, as they relate to the laying out of the county seat town of Heathsville

1796, Feb. 8. Deed from Thomas Downing, Thomas Dameron Downing and Betsy, his wife to John Heath.

1798, Nov. 24. This Indenture between Thomas Gaskins, Walter Jones, John Heath, Catesby Jones, John Cralle, Thomas Winter Hughlett and Thomas Dameron Downing, trustees of the town of Heathsville.

On Nov. 19, 1803. John Heath describing himself as "of Richmond City at present of Northumberland County," deed of trust to John Miller, Jr., of ———— County, on seven hundred acres of land called Springfield, together with storehouses etc. now in possession of Capt. James De Shields.

1804, April 3. John Heath of Richmond City deed to Thomas Dameron Downing for 649 acres of land in Northumberland County, called Springfield.

†John Heath was the first president of the Phi Beta Kappa Society, organized at William and Mary College, December 5, 1776. For sketch of him see *Phi Beta Kappa Key,* Vol. II, Nos. 7 and 8.